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SUBJECT: MBFR: AIR MANPOWER: WG STUDY OF US PROPOSALS

REF: A. USNATO 0341

B. USNATO 0151

C. USNATO 7008

1. AT JANUARY 28 MEETING, WG REVIEWED DRAFT STAFF GROUP PAPER ON US AIR MANPOWER PROPOSALS (REF A). UK, CANADIAN, AND NETHERLANDS REPS INQUIRED ABOUT RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS THEY HAD SUBMITTED ON EARLIER US PAPER. FRG REP (DZIALIAS) EMPHASIZED THAT BONN BELIEVED STUDY OF AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS MUST BE EXTREMELY THOROUGH. STUDIES SHOULD EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE EFFECT OF ANY US REDUCTIONS ON OTHER ALLIES. FOR EXAMPLE US PAPER SPOKE OF "CIVIL- IANIZATION BASE OPERATION SUPPORT FUNCTIONS". WOULD US OR OTHER ALLIES PROVIDE REQUIRED CIVILIANS? FRG REP SAID US PROPOSALS RAISED NUMBER OF ISSUES OF THIS KIND WHICH BONN BELIEVED
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MIGHT BE COVERED IN ANNEXES TO WG PAPER. ACTING CHAIRMAN (SMITH) AND US REP (MCCORMACK) SAID IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO GO INTO SUCH DETAIL IN WG PAPER.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER GRAAF) SAID STUDY SHOULD EXAMINE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF US PROPOSALS NOT ONLY ON US AND USSR BUT ALSO ON OTHER NATO AND WP DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. UK REP (GEHARTY) PROPOSED THAT PAPER COVER MILITARY IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO OF ALLOWING WP TO TAKE PART OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS IN AIR MANPOWER. US REP AND CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) URGED THAT PAPER CONCENTRATE ON SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS AND NOT ENTER INTO DISCUSSION OF PHASE II ISSUES WHICH ALLIANCE HAD NOT ADDRESSED.

3. WG REPS SUGGESTED NUMBER OF MINOR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO DRAFT WG PAPER TRANSMITTED REF A. FRG REP PROPOSED THAT PAPER POINT OUT THAT AS RESULT OF US PROPOSALS USSR WOULD HAVE TO MAKE EVEN GREATER ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS THAN UNDER CURRENT NATO PROPOSALS. HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN REDUCTIONS WOULD COMPLETELY ELIMINATE ANOMALIES PROBLEM.

4. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID STAFF GROUP WOULD REDRAFT PAPER TO REFLECT WG SUMMENT: WE WILL TRANSMIT NEW TEXT WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. WG WILL RETURN TO THIS ISSUE ON FEBRUARY 11. IF WE RECEIVE US COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON EARLIER US AIR MANPOWER PAPER BEFORE END OF WEEK, STAFF GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE US VIEWS IN NEW DRAFT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REPLIES TO QUESTIONS TRANSMITTED REFTELS. BRUCE.

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